

SPANISH

Why should I study Spanish?

Spanish is spoken by at least an estimated 350 million people around the world and is currently the 4th most commonly spoken language worldwide. As the Hispanic population rapidly increases, and with superb geographical positioning, learning Spanish opens up many exciting travel and work opportunities to continents such as Central and South America. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

Bolingbroke is best for Languages because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are in the process of developing strong partnerships with international schools to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising

trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

What will I study?

What you will study will mirror the interests of soon to be young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging Themes –

- *La evolución de la sociedad española;*
- *La cultura política y artística en el mundo hispanohablante;*
- *La inmigración y la sociedad multicultural española and*
- *La dictadura franquista y la transición a la democracia.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department's ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.



What our students say

“Studying Spanish at Bolingbroke has been a very enriching journey for us. We’ve been taught to think mistakes are just a way of learning. Our teachers push us to, and beyond, the best grades and know exactly how to challenge us academically.”

Class of 2019 student